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SUBJECT: LOS: ARCHIPELAGO- STRAITS MEETING WITH PROFESSOR O'CONNELL

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE, DEPUTY SPECIAL REP OF PRESIDENT FOR LOS CONFERENCE, AND ADMIRAL MAX MORRIS, SPECIAL REP OF JCS CHAIRMAN, MET WITH PROFESSOR D. O'CONNEL AT OCFORD ON MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS NEOGTIATION. PROFESSOR O'CONNEL, WHO IS CONSULTANT TO BAHAMIAN, TONGA SECRET

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AND BANGLADESH GOVERNMENTS ON LOS, INDICATED HE FELT US PROPOSAL

TO BAHAMAS HAD BASICALLY MET BAHAMIAN NEEDS. MOORE GAVE O'CONNELL NEW AGREED LANGUAGE ON DEFINITION OF ATOLL FOR PUROPSES OF COMPUTING LAND TO WATER RATIO WITHIN ARCHIPELAGO. LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY UK AND AGREED BY US MOORE ALSO GAVE O'CONNELL SUGGESTION FOR LANGUAGE TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL WATERS OF RIVERS AND BAYS WITHIN ARCHIPELAGO LINES. O'CONELL RAISED THIS PROBLEM DURING NASSAU DISCUSSIONS.

- 2. MOORE AND MORRIS INDICATED THAT LAND WATER RATIO OF TONGA WAS FAR TOO LARGE TO CONSIDER IT FOR ARCHIPELAGO STATUS BUT THAT ECONOMIC ZONE FOR ISLANDS SHOULD MEET THEIR CONCERNS.
- 3. MOORE TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF PRESENCE OF BANGLADESH FONMIN HUSSAIN AT OXFORD TO BRIEFLY REVIEW IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING GENEVA SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. FONMIN HUSSAIN SEEMED FAMILIAR WITH LOS ISSUES AND INDICATED HE MIGHT TRY TO ATTEND THE GENEVA SESSION. BRUCE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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